

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
March 05, 2006
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle
9:15 a.m. Smudging
9:30 a.m.

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:30 a.m.

Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
Absent: Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Office Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, William Denemy-Vice Chairman, Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant

Legal Staff Present: none

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager, Michael Smith-Tribal Council Administrative Assistant, Valerie Tweedie-Chief Financial Officer, Albert Colby, Jr.-Tribal Administrator, Barry Crowell-Controller, Barry Milligan-Casino General Manager, Denise White-Casino Human Resource Director, Cathy Portman-Gaming Board of Directors Administrative Assistant, Alan Proctor-GIS Director

Commission, Boards and Committees: Dolly Keway-Gaming Board of Directors-Chairperson, Carol McFall Gaming Board of Directors, Sheron Patton-Gaming Board of Directors

Guests: Andrew Stich

Opening Ceremony: Alice Yellowbank

9:33 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrives

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt the agenda as amended for March 5, 2006.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Roberts to approve the minutes of February 19, 2006 as presented.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

10:02 a.m. Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to go into closed session to discuss Inland issues. The session will be recorded.

Vote: 6 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Shananaquet), 1 Abstained (Treasurer Oldman), 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

11:02 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Roberts to go out of closed session.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

11:03 a.m. Recess Called

11:16 a.m. Meeting resumed

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Roberts to accept the verbal report for the Legal Department as given by Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik for March 5, 2006, to include closed session which will be held confidential.

Vote: 7 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Shananaquet), 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adopt Tribal Council Resolution #030506-01 Tribal Council Representatives Meet-the-Citizens Meeting in Escanaba, Michigan, on April 22, 2006.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich

11:50 a.m. Public Comment closed

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima -yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion Carried

12:00 p.m. Lunch recess called

1:41 p.m. Meeting reconvened

1:45 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to go into closed session for personnel reasons and that it is recorded as confidential.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

2:08 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to go back into open session.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

2:19 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to go into closed session for legal purposes to be recorded and marked confidential.

Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstained (Councilor Roberts, Treasurer Oldman), 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

2:49 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to return to open session.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

2:49 p.m. recess Called

2:59 p.m. meeting resumed

4:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: Andrew Stich

4:04 p.m. Public Comment closed

4:08 p.m. Recess Called

4:15 p.m. meeting resumed

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Oldman to accept the verbal and written Executive report for March 5, 2006.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington to adopt Tribal Resolution #030506-02 Resolution Appropriating \$17,960 in Additional Funding to the 2006 Substance Abuse Department Budget from Prior Period Funds.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima -yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Resolution #030506-03 Resolution Appropriating \$8,500 in Additional Funding to the 2006 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department Budget from increase in Indirect Cost Recoveries.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-absent, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Oldman to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal report as presented by Legislative Leader Beatrice Law.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Roberts to place Protection of Tribal Assets sponsored by Fred Harrington on the Legislative Agenda.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to place the Commission, Boards and Committees Amendment sponsored by Regina Bentley on the Legislative Agenda.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Secretary Kiogima to accept the Treasurer's verbal and written report for March 5, 2006.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Tribal Secretary, Mel Kiogima's verbal Tribal Council report.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

Motion made by Secretary Kiogima and supported by Councilor Shananaquet, support withdrawn, to direct the Legislative Leader to coordinate the distribution to the Executive Branch of the questions/concerns that were collected from the citizens of Grand Rapids and to provide appropriate responses to each of them with the responses copied to Tribal Council within 30 days.

Motion Withdrawn due to lack of support.

5:46 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to adjourn.

Vote: 8 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent (Councilor McNamara)

Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

Date